

## "LOW PRIORITY SITE" ARCHIVE DECISION - EPA REGION I

Site Name: Winchester Industries, Inc. (Former) EPA ID#: MAD002578417

Address: 230-280 Bodwell Street

City: Avon

State: MA

Preliminary Assessment: 11-19-90 By: MA DEP

State Archive Recommendation Letter: January 29, 1999

Superfund Records Center  
SITE: WINCHESTER INDUSTRIES # 00  
BREAK: 1.5  
OTHER: 621204

### LOW PRIORITY SITE ARCHIVE DECISION RECOMMENDED:

This site has been assigned a low priority for any further assessment, and no further federal CERCLA activities are anticipated. The state has concurred that this site is not an appropriate candidate for NPL consideration, and that any further actions which may be necessary should be pursued under state program authorities.

EPA, in consultation with the state, reserves the right to activate NPL listing activities at this site if new information becomes available or site conditions substantially change. Such significantly changed circumstances could result in a recommendation for listing at a later time.

### DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

The former Winchester Industries, Inc. site, occupying 2 acres in the Avon Industrial Park, was brought to EPA's attention by the MA DEP in 1990, following a release petroleum and hazardous materials onsite. Winchester Industries operated at this location from 1972 (when the site was first developed) until 1990, as a manufacturer and assembler of marine electrical switches. An investigation by Kurz Associates in 1988 discovered solvent contamination in groundwater and in the two septic tanks associated with the Winchester Industries manufacturing and assembly operations. The tanks were pumped out in 1988. A follow up investigation conducted by Gale Associates in 1988 and 1989 also documented VOC contamination in groundwater. Following CERCLIS entry, a Preliminary Assessment was completed by the state in 1990, and the site was assigned a low priority for site inspection pending further action by the state. The nearest drinking water supply is more than a half mile from the site, and is not known to have been impacted by the releases onsite. Similarly, the nearest surface water body is a pond located a half mile to the south, which is not believed to be threatened by this site.

A Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed in 1995, which included test borings, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, and soil and groundwater sampling and analysis. By 1995 VOC contaminant concentrations were dramatically reduced, and the Phase I concluded (based upon state program criteria) that a condition of "no significant risk" exists in soil and groundwater onsite. Consequently, supporting documentation for a Response Action Outcome were submitted to the MA DEP, and this site was audited by the state in 1998/9. The state's Notice of Audit Findings listed the violations that have already been corrected, or that do not need further correction, and confirmed the finding of "no significant risk" for this site. Based on the audit findings, the MA DEP recommended to EPA that no further actions are required at this site, and that it is not an appropriate candidate for further NPL consideration. The state also affirmed its commitment, as lead regulating authority, to ensure any future environmental issues at this property are addressed promptly and thoroughly via the state's waste site cleanup program.

Upon consideration of the available information and the recommendation from the state, EPA New England concurs with MA DEP Audit & Site Management Section Chief Joseph Kowal that this site is not a suitable candidate for listing on the NPL, that the state should remain the lead Agency overseeing environmental compliance at this site, and that the former Winchester Industries, Inc. site should be assigned a low priority site archive designation and removed from CERCLIS.

Archive Decision Recommended By:  
(Site Assessment Manager)

Signature: Dan Smith

Date: 3-10-99

Archive Decision Concurrence By:  
(Superfund Section Chief)

Signature: Chris Regue

Date: 4/5/99



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